GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1895
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2016
Performance Index
Arunmozhithevan Shri A.

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the Academic Performance Index and has also clarified that six additional hours per week that was stipulated for teaching could be utilised for tutorials/ remedial classes/seminars/administrative responsibilities/innovation and updating of course contents;
(b) if so, whether the University Grants Commission had said that six additional hours that was stipulated for research would now be transferred for teaching; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to (c): The Central Government has reviewed the Academic Performance Indicators (APIs) as notified by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in their 3rd Amendment to the Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education Regulations, 2016. In the 3rd Amendment, it was prescribed that teachers could be required to allocate additional 6 hours per week, beyond the prescribed hours of direct teaching, on tutorials, remedial classes, seminars, administrative responsibilities, innovation and updating of course contents.
The review of APIs by the Central Government has led to the notification of the 4th Amendment to the UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education), Regulations, 2016 on 11th July, 2016.
The 4th Amendment has not prescribed any quantum of hours to be measured either in weeks or months for the teachers to work with students beyond the structure of class room teaching. However, teachers are encouraged to mentor, guide and counsel the students beyond the direct teaching hours with a view to reinforce a student-centric and caring approach in higher education. The hours spent on such purposes are not included in the calculation of API scores though these activities nevertheless are important and significant which could be carried out by teachers.
*****